

AMENDED SET OF CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) Natural rubber which contains proteins having a molecular weight of more than 14 kDa and substantially no proteins specified by the bands of 14, 31 and 45 kDa by SDS-PAGE and having a nitrogen content of 0.02 to 0.30 % by weight of natural rubber.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The rubber of claim 1, the crude rubber of which shows a green strength of 0.1 to 3 MPa (Mega Pascal).

4. (Currently Amended) A rubber ~~compositions~~ composition which comprises the natural rubber of claim 1 and other rubber.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 4, wherein the other rubber is ~~SBR, NBR, BR, IR, EPR, EPDM or IIR~~ styrene butadiene rubber (SBR), acrylonitrile butadiene rubber (NBR), polybutadiene rubber (BR), synthetic polyisoprene (IR), ethylene propylene rubber (EPR), ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber (EPDM) and isobutylene isoprene rubber (IIR).

6. (Original) A tire made from the natural rubber of claim 1.

7. (New) Natural rubber which at least contains proteins having a molecular weight of 6.6 kDa to 200 kDa but substantially no proteins specified by the bands of 14, 31 and 45 kDa by SDS-PAGE and which has a nitrogen content of 0.02 to 0.30 % by weight of natural rubber.